

**53A-11-304. Certificate part of student's record -- Forms for certificates -- Transfer of immunization record to official certificate.**

(1) Each school shall retain official certificates of immunization for every enrolled student. The certificate becomes a part of the individual student's permanent school record and follows the student through his or her public or private school career.

(2) The Department of Health shall provide official certificate of immunization forms to public and private schools, physicians, and local health departments. The forms referred to in this subsection shall include a clear statement of the student's rights under Section **53A-11-302**.

(3) Any immunization record provided by a licensed physician, registered nurse, or public health official may be accepted by a school official as a certificate of immunization if the type of immunization given and the dates given are specified and the information is transferred to an official certificate of immunization and verified by the school district in which the public or private school is located.

Enacted by Chapter 2, 1988 General Session

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**53A-11-203. Vision screening.**

(1) A child under seven years of age entering school for the first time in this state must present the following to the school:

(a) a certificate signed by a licensed physician, optometrist, or other licensed health professional approved by the division, stating that the child has received vision screening to determine the presence of amblyopia or other visual defects. As used in this section, "division" means the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, State Office of Education; or

(b) a written statement signed by at least one parent or legal guardian of the child that the screening violates the personal beliefs of the parent or legal guardian.

(2) The division shall provide vision screening report forms to persons approved by the division to conduct the screening.

(3) Each school district may conduct free vision screening clinics for children aged 3-1/2 to seven.

(4) The division shall maintain a central register of children, aged 3-1/2 to seven, who fail vision screening and who are referred for follow-up treatment. The register shall include the name of the child, age or birthdate, address, cause for referral, and follow-up results. Each school district shall report referral follow-up results to the division.

(5) The division shall coordinate and supervise the training of persons who serve as vision screeners.

(6) A licensed health professional providing vision care to private patients may not participate as a screener in free vision screening programs provided by school districts.

(7) The Department of Health shall, by rule, set standards and procedures for vision screening required by this chapter, and shall provide the division with copies of rules, standards, instructions, and test charts necessary for conducting vision screening.

(8) The division shall supervise screening, referral, and follow-up required by this chapter.

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